Category III : Restricted visibility level crossings where TVU is between 3000-6000.

Manning of Category III will be considered once manning of first two categories is over.

Further, as per codal provision manning of existing unmanned level crossing necessitated due to increase in the volume of the road traffic, the initial capital as well as capitalized cost of annual recurring maintenance and operational cost has to be borne fully by the State Government/Local Authorities concerned.

Statistics of manning of unmanned level crossings is planned zone-wise and not State-wise. As on 1.12.2004, the number of unmanned level crossings identified for manning is 1255 which includes the level crossings falling in the Zones serving the State of Maharashtra also. Total 211 unmanned level crossings have been targeted for completion in 2004-2005.

**Platforms at Chitrakoot Dham Karvi Station**

1970. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of both the platforms at Chitrakoot Dham Karvi Station is quite lower than the last step of passenger bogie resulting in a lot of inconvenience to passengers, pilgrims, especially senior citizens and handicapped persons;

(b) whether the matter was taken up with his Ministry earlier; and

(c) if so, the steps taken and by when the job of raising the platforms is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Chitrakoot Dham Karvi Station is a B category station. As per the norms, medium level platform is to be provided at the station, which is available at the station.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.